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Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing is a new patent application entitled

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This application is being filed pursuant to the revised Rules of Practice effective February 27, 1983 by the undersigned attorney of the applicants. It is respectfully requested that this application be assigned a filing date of January 30, 2004, pursuant to the "Express Mail" (EV 185236585 US) provision of 37 C.F.R. §1.10 as amended.

The name and address of the inventor of the subject matter of the enclosed patent application is as follows:

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We await receipt of a filing date and serial number for this application.

Respectfully.

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